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October 16, 2007

Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re; Docket Nos. CP04-36-000, et al.

Dear Secretary Bose,

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I am writing to express my views on a very important subject involving our future regarding employment, what is left of our existing business community, and future economic growth; our energy security and supply. The Weaver's Cove project has faced staunch opposition from those who say it would pose safety and environmental risk and that security measures would bring commercial and recreational traffic to a halt when deliveries are made to the site.

Every local politician has stood up and said no to Weaver's Cove. The Mayor has used his influence and city resources to fight the proposed LNG terminal in Fall River, from here to Washington D.C. The spin has been that that this is a dangerous and life threatening project for Fall River – the slightest accident or human error could have catastrophic results. That could all be true but Fall River, and other places, all live with these types of situations everyday – walking on the sidewalk has killed people; automobile accidents have killed people; and everyday people die in some unforeseen accident. Further, Fall River has lived with an LNG peak shaving plant on Bay Street in a residential zone for nearly 30 years without incident.

The LNG industry probably has the best safety record in the energy industry. As a whole, look at chemical plants, oil refineries, mining, and other related energy sources and LNG is by far the safest. For our Politicians and representatives to paint such a troubling portrait, of LNG is shameful.

One of the most important aspects to the "Local Building Trades" is the commitment of Weaver's Cove to use 100% local union labor. The Weaver's Cove project would bring approximately \$500 million of investment to Fall River, a chronically depressed area of the state. The LNG terminal would generate about 500 construction jobs over a three-year period and approximately 100 permanent direct and indirect jobs thereafter. The training the trades provide to their members and the wages and benefits union agreements provide make me believe that Weaver's Cove wants nothing but the best for them and the community they hope to become a part of. All said, we are experts in our fields and since we also live in Fall River, will guarantee this project is constructed with the utmost safety and security procedures.

Natural gas supplies in New England come dangerously close to shortages in peak winter times. In addition, the South Coast has been stifled; new schools have to be heated with oil, because of the lack of pressure in the natural gas pipelines.

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Attached to this letter you will find a Resolution and Endorsement from our membership in favor of the Weaver's Cove facility to be constructed and operated in Fall River. To grow and expand industrial business and property in the region we need clean, competitive energy which only gas, wind or nuclear power can provide; Weaver's Cove needs to happen and happen now.

Fraternally Yours
Carpenters Local 1305

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**A RESOLUTION AND ENDORSEMENT ADOPTED BY
THE NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS LOCAL 1305**

October 17, 2007

**VOTED: TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT,
EXPEDITING, PERMITTING, CONSTRUCTION AND
OPERATION OF THE WEAVER'S COVE ENERGY, LNG
PROPOSAL SLATED FOR FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS.**

WHEREAS, Massachusetts has some of the highest natural gas and electric prices in North America. The state is far from domestic producing regions. The New England region has traditionally had limited access to natural gas, the cleanest burning fossil fuel. Further, gas demand in Fall River and Southeastern Massachusetts, especially for electric power generation, continues to grow while gas supply to the area is very constrained. Additional sources of supply, such as LNG can help to bring these prices down.

WHEREAS, Weaver's Cove Energy has proposed to develop a liquefied natural gas (LNG) marine import terminal in the city of Fall River, Massachusetts. In doing so, it would add approximately 15-20% to the regions gas supply. Local property taxes would amount to over \$4 million per year. In addition, the project will bring approximately \$500 million of investment to Fall River and generate about 500 construction jobs over a three-year period as well as about 100 permanent direct and indirect jobs thereafter.

WHEREAS, the Weaver's Cove Energy project will be of significant and tremendous benefit to the city of Fall River by way of: lower and more secure gas prices, add employment opportunities and stimulate the local economy for several years, and considerably increase tax revenue to the city.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MEMBERS OF
THE NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS LOCAL 1305,
HAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ABOVE STATED RESOLUTION AND
ENDORSEMENT WHICH MEMBERS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT:**

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BUSINESS MANAGER
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THE PROMPT PERMITTING WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY,
CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE WEAVER'S COVE ENERGY,
LNG PROPOSAL ON THIS DATE, THE 17th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2007.

Signed and attested to:

Ron Rheume
Ron Rheume
Business Manager

LOCAL 51

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Kenneth Aurecchia
Business Manager

Michael Carrairo
Financial Secretary - Treasurer

Dan Jones
Business Agent

Timothy Byrne
Business Agent - Organizer

September 20, 2007

The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.,
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Docket Nos. CP04-36-000, et al.

Dear Secretary Bose,

It is my pleasure to convey to you the full endorsement of Local 51 Plumbers and Pipefitters concerning the Weaver's Cove LNG project slated for Fall River, Massachusetts. Projects such as these are providing much needed relief to the over burdened energy systems in our country. The Weaver's Cove project comes at a time when we in Massachusetts are experiencing some of the highest natural gas and electric prices in the North America. One can only question how Massachusetts can maintain its existing manufacturing base, never mind attracting new business to the state. When the Weaver's Cove project becomes a reality for the Brownfield site that exists today, we anticipate approximately 500 construction jobs for three years and approximately 100 permanent direct and indirect jobs thereafter. To that end, it would be our pleasure to assist Weaver's Cove in any way possible to provide the highest quality craftsmen for a safe project completed on time and within budget.

Projects such as Weavers Cone provide economic relief within the host community in terms of property taxes and job opportunities. The Weaver's Cove project provides the added benefit of a secure, safe, and reliable source of LNG storage, close interstate pipeline connections, and potential trucking to other LNG facilities throughout Massachusetts and New England on the coldest winter days when pipeline capacity will be constrained. These are some of the driving factors in our endorsements of projects such as this.

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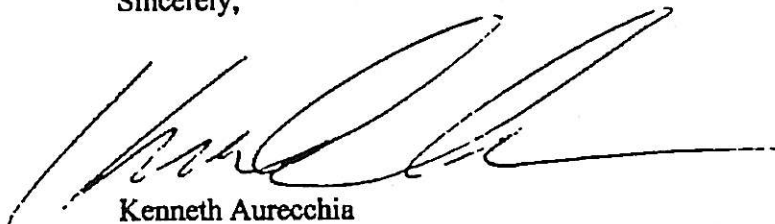
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The 1,300 members of Local 51 have also approved at its September 11 meeting an Endorsement and Resolution for the permitting, construction, and operation of the Weaver's Cove project which is enclosed. Hence, Local 51 Plumbers-Pipefitters-Refrigeration members encourage your agency to assist in expediting this mutually beneficial project.

If there is anything we can do please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Aurecchia
Business Manager

Cc: The Honorable Deval Patrick, Governor, Massachusetts
The Honorable Daniel O'Connell, Secretary, MA Executive Office of Economic
Development and Housing
The Honorable Ian Bowles, Secretary, MA Executive Office of Energy and
Environmental Affairs
Captain Roy A. Nash, Sector Southeastern New England, United States Coast
Guard
Mr. Ted Lento, US Army Corps of Engineers, New England District

**A RESOLUTION AND ENDORSEMENT ADOPTED BY
THE PLUMBERS-PIPEFITTERS-REFRIGERATION LOCAL 51, AFL - CIO**

September 11, 2007

VOTED: TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT,
IN THE MOST **EXPEDITIOUS** MANNER, THE PERMITTING,
CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE WEAVER'S
COVE ENERGY, LNG PROPOSAL TO BE LOCATED ON THE
BROWNFIELD SITE AT ONE NEW STREET, FALL RIVER
MASSACHUSETTS.

WHEREAS, the New England region has traditionally had limited access to natural gas, the cleanest burning fossil fuel. Further, gas demand in Fall River and Southeastern Massachusetts, especially for electric power generation, continues to grow while gas supply to the area is very constrained. With limited supply alternative and growing demand, New England experiences some of the highest natural gas prices in the country. Additionally sources of supply, such as LNG can help to bring these prices down.

WHEREAS, Weaver's Cove Energy has proposed to develop a liquefied natural gas (LNG) marine import terminal in the city of Fall River, Massachusetts. In doing so, it would add approximately 15-20% to the regions gas supply. In addition, the project will bring approximately \$500 million of investment to Fall River and generate about 500 construction jobs over a three-year period as well as about 100 permanent direct and indirect jobs thereafter.

WHEREAS, the Weaver's Cove Energy project will be of significant and tremendous benefit to the city of Fall River by way of: lower and more secure gas prices, add employment opportunities and stimulate the local economy for several years, and considerably increase tax revenue to the city.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE 1,300 MEMBERS OF PLUMBERS-PIPEFITTERS-REFRIGERATION LOCAL 51, AFL - CIO, HAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ABOVE STATED RESOLUTION AND ENDORSEMENT WHICH MEMBERS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT:

THE PROMPT PERMITTING WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY, CONTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE WEAVER'S COVE ENERGY, LNG PROPOSAL ON THIS DATE, THE 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007,

Signed and attested to:


Kenneth Auroschia
Business Manager

Stephen Mello, Business Manager

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Meeting Third Wednesday of Each Month
185 Pleasant Street

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Construction and General Laborers Local 610
Fall River, Massachusetts

AN AFFILIATE OF THE
Laborers' International Union of North America

AFL-CIO



August 16, 2007

Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.,
Washington, D.C. 20426

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Re: Docket Nos. CP04-36-000, et al.

Dear Secretary Bose,

Attached you will find a copy of the Construction and General Laborers Local 610, AFL - CIO Resolution and Endorsement to expedite permitting, construction and operation of the proposed Weaver's Cove Energy, LNG project in Fall River. The Resolution and Endorsement was approved and passed overwhelmingly at last night's meeting. This project will result in: significant employment opportunities during construction for three to five years and regular high paying jobs thereafter; secure energy and storage supplies; and a dearly needed economic stimulus for Fall River.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,


Stephen Mello
Business Manager

**RESOLUTION AND ENDORSEMENT ADOPTED BY THE CONSTRUCTION
AND GENERAL LABORERS LOCAL 610, AFL - CIO**

August 15, 2007

VOTED: TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT,
IN THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MANNER, THE PERMITTING,
CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE WEAVER'S
COVE ENERGY, LNG PROPOSAL TO BE LOCATED AT ONE
NEW STREET, FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS 02720.

WHEREAS, the New England region has traditionally had limited access to natural gas, the cleanest burning fossil fuel. Further, gas demand in Fall River and Southeastern Massachusetts, especially for electric power generation, continues to grow while gas supply to the area is very constrained. With limited supply alternative and growing demand, New England experiences some of the highest natural gas prices in the country. Additionally sources of supply, such as LNG can help to bring these prices down.

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WHEREAS, the Weaver's Cove Energy project will be of significant and tremendous benefit to the city of Fall River by way of: lower and more secure gas prices, add employment opportunities and stimulate the local economy for several years, and considerably increase tax revenue to the city.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
CONSTRUCTION AND GENERAL LABORERS LOCAL 610, AFL - CIO, HAS
OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVED THE ABOVE STATED RESOLUTION AND
ENDORSEMENT WHICH OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTS THE
PERMITTING, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE WEAVER'S
COVE ENERGY, LNG PROPOSAL ON THIS DATE, THE 15TH DAY OF
AUGUST 2007.**

Signed and attested to:


Stephen Mello
Business Manager

Why Fall River Needs Proposed LNG Facility

By Stephen Mello

The proposed Weaver's Cove LNG facility would be a big boost for Fall River now and in the future. Here's why:

Fall River Needs Jobs – The LNG facility would be one of the biggest construction projects in the city in years. Some 200 area workers would help build the plant during a period of two or so years.

These will be high-paying, union jobs – not the minimum-wage jobs we've seen in recent years. And, once the project is completed, they'll be another 30 or more good-paying, full-time and permanent jobs.

We know our city needs jobs. We had fewer jobs in 2000 than we did in 1985, according to state figures. Even during the boom years of the 1990s, when virtually every other city in Massachusetts added jobs, the number of Fall River jobs was less than it was in the mid-1980s.

During this period, Fall River's unemployment rate has consistently been about twice the state average. In 1990, for example, the Massachusetts average was 6 percent; in Fall River, the unemployment rate was 12.3 percent. Ten years later, the state rate was 2.6 percent and Fall River's was 5 percent.

Virtually every segment of the job market has been affected in the 1985 to 2000 period, including manufacturing and construction. About the only sectors that added new jobs over these 15 years was service and, of course, government.

It's no wonder why Fall River has been losing population – more than 5 percent since 1970. We need jobs!

Fall River Needs Tax Revenue – The LNG facility would be built at the old Shell Oil terminal on Weaver's Cove. This is a "brownfields" site, meaning ground contamination makes it virtually unsuitable or too expensive to clean up for most businesses.

Because the Shell terminal has been closed for years, Fall River receives little tax revenue from the 68-acre site.

Once built, the LNG facility would become one of the city's largest taxpayers. The additional tax revenue could help our schools and public safety departments. It'd also help single-family homeowners whose average tax bill in 2002 is \$1,253. That may not seem like much to some people. But for working men and women of Fall River, whose average pay is in the bottom third of Massachusetts wages, it's a lot of money.

Indeed, property owners have for years borne the burden of Fall River's economic stagnation. Residential property collections total 58 percent, while taxes on commercial and industrial operations add up to just 36 percent of all tax revenue.

Obviously, we need more commercial and industrial taxpayers. Yet, the net number of new businesses in the city grew by a paltry eight -- that's right, 8! -- from 1990 to 2000, according to the Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training.

Fall River Needs Energy. We need to be a leading producer of energy. Because natural gas is the cleanest-burning fossil fuel, more and more power plants are converting to gas in order to meet stringent air-quality rules.

Right now, about one-third of all natural gas in New England is used to make electricity. In less than 10 years, natural gas is expected to fuel half of our region's electric supply.

The problem is that gas pipelines coming into New England are almost at capacity. In fact, during the coldest winter months, as much as 40 percent of New England's gas supply comes from LNG, which is added to existing pipelines when demand is more than the pipelines can provide.

Not only do power plants need a source of natural gas, so do manufacturers and commercial developers. Without a reliable energy source, these new businesses won't come to Fall River. As the demand for natural gas continues to grow, it may even be difficult to meet existing residential, business and power plant requirements.

Some people think safety is an issue. My union has investigated the safety issue thoroughly. We're convinced that LNG is at least as safe as any other fuel.

LNG is not explosive, toxic, carcinogenic or chemically reactive, unlike many other fuels. In the unlikely event of a leak, LNG would turn into a vapor which could burn. But the reality is that LNG burns, but slowly like fireplace logs. It does not explode. The bottom line is that LNG,

based on its safety record and characteristics, is among the safest and least environmentally hazardous energy source to transport and use.

I'm convinced that the proposed Weaver's Cove LNG facility could transform Fall River from an economic also-ran into an economic powerhouse.

Mr. Mello is the Business Manager for Construction and General Laborers, Local 610, AFL-CIO, in Fall River.



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Massachusetts Chemistry & Technology Alliance, Inc.

August 10, 2007

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Washington, DC 20426
RE: Docket Nos. CP04-36-000, et al.

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Dear Secretary Bose:

During the past decade, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts established public policies that strongly encourage use of natural gas as the energy supply of choice for power plants, homes, and manufacturing facilities. These regulatory policies were spurred because of air quality issues associated with coal and fuel oil as energy supply sources.

Manufacturing facilities have been converting their fuel sources to natural-gas based systems as a result of MADEP actions and executive orders. This has resulted in significantly higher demand for natural gas throughout the Commonwealth (and New England). Unfortunately, Massachusetts policy makers have failed to address the resulting high costs of natural gas associated with the increased demand. In addition, policy makers have failed to promote long-term solutions to the coming energy crisis resulting from the increased usage of natural gas as an energy source.

National energy companies, recognizing the need for increased supplies of natural gas in Massachusetts, have proposed construction of facilities that will allow new sources of natural gas, specifically liquefied natural gas, for use by manufacturing companies, homeowners, and power plants. New sources of natural gas are especially critical to address the high cost problem created under existing Massachusetts regulatory policies.

Governor Deval Patrick announced the Administration's goal of creating 150,000 new jobs in Massachusetts during the next four years, which is very positive. The high cost of natural gas and the lack of supply will create substantial challenges, however, to achieving the Governor's economic development objectives.

The recent news story about the closing of Quaker Fabrics in Fall River, including the loss of approximately 900 existing manufacturing jobs, cited high energy costs as a critical deciding factor in the company's inability to compete with companies in China and elsewhere. The question for the Administration to address is how many more Quaker Fabrics will be announced in the next several years, as opposed to news stories about job creation and economic development?

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Massachusetts Chemistry & Technology Alliance, Inc.

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs has already approved two of the three proposed liquefied natural gas projects, and should expeditiously approve the third project before it, the Weaver's Cove Energy land-based LNG project planned for Fall River. The Weaver's Cove project has already received its approval from many of the 29 regulatory local, state, and federal agencies it must attain including approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the lead federal agency, to construct and operate the facility. Combined with the vaporized gas offshore projects can supply, Weaver's Cove offers the added requirement of storage capability, something Massachusetts currently does not enjoy to meet current demand and requirement projections.

MCTA believes that all three projects are critical to solving the natural gas cost and natural gas supply crisis facing the Commonwealth today and in the foreseeable future.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David J. Wawer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David J. Wawer
CEO

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